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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: FAREWELL CALLS ON TURKISH AMBASSADOR AND DENKTASH

1. I PAID SUCCESSIVE FAREWELL CALLS ON TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH ON MARCH 23.
2. ONHON ASKED MY EVALUATION OF THE NEW GREEK CYPRIOT CABINET AND FONMIN ROLANDIS IN PARTICULAR, AND HOW GOC UNDER KYPRIANOU COULD BE EXPECTED TO PERFORM IN A RESUMED NEGOTIATION. ONHON WAS INTERESTED ESPECIALLY IN GOC'S TENTATIVE IDEA OF RAISING THE RANK OF THE NEGOTIATORS THROUGH DESIGNATION OF HOUSE PRESIDENT MICHAELIDES AND NOTED THAT ON THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUIVALENTS THIS WOULD ENTAIL SUBSTITUTING TFSC HOUSE PRESIDENT OREK FOR ONAN ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE.
3. ONHON WENT ON TO PROVIDE SOME INTERESTING PERSONAL BACKGROUND ON ECEVIT'S CURRENT STATE OF MIND. HE AND DENKTASH HAD BEEN WITH ECEVIT, FEYZIOGLU, AND OTHERS ON MARCH 6 WHEN A NOTE WAS SENT IN TO THE MEETING BY GUVENDIREN BASED ON CONVERSATION WITH U.S. EMBOFF, STATING THAT HIRC HEARINGS WOULD BE POSTPONED

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UNTIL APRIL 4. ECEVIT WAS COLDLY FURIOUS AND THEN AND THERE ORDERED THAT TURKISH PROPOSALS BE WITHHELD UNTIL AFTER HIRC HEARINGS HAD BEGUN AND THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION WAS CLEAR. ONHON ADDED A PERSONAL PLEA THAT U.S. NOT MISJUDGE ECEVIT'S CHARACTER AND WILL. COMPARING ECEVIT TO DEMIREL, OHON SAID THE LATTER WOULD NOT HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT DETERMINATION TO INTERVENE IN CYPRUS IN 1974; ONCE HE JUDGED HOW THE SITUATION

WAS EVOLVING, ECEVIT DID NOT HESITATE FOR A MINUTE.

4. MY CONVERSATION WITH DENKTASH WAS MOSTLY PLEASANTRIES. HE WAS, HOWEVER, KIND ENOUGH TO SPEAK WARMLY ABOUT MY HAVING TAKEN THE LEAD WITHIN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN ESTABLISHING A PATTERN OF FRIENDLY WORKING RELATIONSHIPS THAT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL AND IS BASED ON A SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF TURKISH CONCERNS. DENKTASH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IN THE TWO MOST INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH HE AND I HAD ENGAGED SINCE 1974, REOPENING NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JAN-FEB 1975) AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE MISSING PERSONS, BELATED ORDERS FROM ANKARA HAD DISAVOWED HIS NEGOTIATING POSITIONS IN A HARSH, DEMEANING MANNER. HE ADDED WITH HIS USUAL SMILE "SOMETIMES I GAVE THEM TROUBLE TOO."

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